

H.364 Privacy Bill

The problem:

- Many products in our homes record or photograph us and collect information on us. We have no idea that this is happening or who has access to this information. These are products like Amazon's Alexa, the teddy bear with the recorder in it, and even household appliances that have the ability to record information like you television.

What the bill does:

This bill proposes to do two things:

- to prohibit the State from assisting or participating in the collection of electronic data or metadata by the federal government or from using any of the data collected unless the data are obtained pursuant to a warrant issued by a court and
- to require a warning label on products capable of digitally recording data. The portion of this bill requires alerting consumers who are concerned about the unregulated collection of personal data so that those consumers may make informed decisions about the manner in which they use products capable of collecting and storing personal information.

The bill would require that any product offered for sale by a retailer after July 1, 2018 shall be labeled with a warning that the product is capable of recording personal data if it is a product:

- offered for retail sale in Vermont; and
- capable of recording digital data.
- a product is required to be labeled with the words "capable of collecting personal information."